

personal opinion I would say that when he is away and the Minister of Justice is leader of the house, we get along much better. That is not meant to be in any sense derogatory to the Minister of Veterans Affairs, but it is meant to be a compliment to the Minister of Justice.

I do not know that there is anything more that I can say now. The compliment I offered to the Acting Prime Minister was a sincere one. When the Prime Minister himself went away I undertook to do my best to keep the government in the straight and narrow path. In that we were only partly successful.

Mr. ST. LAURENT: It was straight, but not always narrow.

Mr. BRACKEN: We are going to keep on, and I am hopeful that the government will more and more continue to take our advice, and to the extent that they do we will still continue to try to keep them in office.

It has been a long session, and controversial in spots, but I would say that there is a better spirit between the members of our groups in the House of Commons to-day than there has been at any time since I have been a member. I am sure that this is a matter of gratification to all of us.

Mr. ANGUS MacINNIS (Vancouver East): I should like on behalf of this group to associate myself with what the leader of the opposition (Mr. Bracken) has said. I doubt, however, his sincerity when he said he hoped that the government would always remain on the "straight and narrow", because even if he were sincere he is, I think, of the opinion that they won't, and that that will give him his chance some time.

I am glad that he mentioned the right hon. Minister of Justice (Mr. St. Laurent) who is Acting Prime Minister. I had it in mind to do that if he had not done so. The leading of this house is not an easy matter, and the Minister of Justice has discharged that function with so much ability, tact and fairness that I think he has impressed all of us; and that, particularly, as he is a relatively new man in the house. It takes years to understand Beauchesne's rules, and to have got such a good grasp in so short a time—

Mr. GRAYDON: It takes centuries.

Mr. MacINNIS: It takes centuries; I do not expect to live long enough to get beyond the first two or three pages, and those do not matter. I am glad to associate myself wholeheartedly on behalf of this group with what the leader of the opposition has said.

[Mr. Bracken.]

Mr. E. G. HANSELL (Macleod): Mr. Speaker, I have noted on almost all occasions when words of felicitation are uttered in the house by the various groups that, by the time the government, the leader of the opposition (Mr. Bracken) and the leader of the C.C.F. (Mr. Coldwell) have spoken, everything that can be said has been said and not much is left for this group to say on these matters. So all I will say at this time, Mr. Speaker, is that this group concurs most heartily in all the words of felicitation that have been spoken this afternoon.

Mr. ST. LAURENT: Mr. Speaker, you and I have both been highly complimented. I presume you will allow me to say on your behalf as well as my own that we are both very grateful to the hon. members for the consideration they have shown us.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

AIRCRAFTMAN LOWELL T. CAMPBELL—ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS ASKED BY MR. BLACKMORE
ON AUGUST 24

Mr. W. A. TUCKER (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, by leave of the house, before you put the motion to adjourn may I table the answers to the questions which the hon. member for Lethbridge (Mr. Blackmore) addressed to the Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr. Mackenzie) on August 24 last, concerning R.160165 Lowell T. Campbell, and appearing in *Hansard* of that date, pages 5321 to 5323 I have just obtained these answers and with the leave of the house I would like to have them put on *Hansard* without reading them. As the house will remember, the hon. member for Lethbridge addressed to the government thirty-one questions. The answers are quite extensive. By leave of the house I would like to table them and have them printed in *Hansard*.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Mr. TUCKER: The questions were as follows:

1. Was Lowell T. Campbell, R160165, discharged from Shaughnessy hospital on August 6, 1946?
2. Was veteran Campbell's back in an iron brace to support an injured spine when he was discharged?
3. Had veteran Campbell been receiving \$117 a month to support himself and five dependent children?
4. Had Lowell T. Campbell's wife been lost to him in February, 1945, leaving him under the necessity of placing his children in the homes of various relatives?
5. Would Lowell T. Campbell have been required to pay for each of those children, and